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FINGERTIP FACTS & FIGURES

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CURRENT MONTHLY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY REGIONS

	SEPTEMBER 1980			SEPTEMBER 30, 1980	
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks
	(Million Board Feet)				
SOFTWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Pine Region	575	546	510	434	1,251
Douglas Fir Region	685	647	682	557	940
Western Pine Region	753	752	801	436	1,178
California Redwood Region	141	136	129	141	413
Other Softwoods	137	133	135	236	253
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,291	2,214	2,257	1,804	4,035
% Change - August 1980	+ 3.5	+ 0.9	+ 8.0	+ 2.4	+ 1.9
% Change - Sept. 1979	- 9.2	-11.7	- 5.2	-14.5	+ 2.2
HARDWOOD LUMBER:					
Southern Hardwood Region	260	247	256	211	758
Appalachian Hardwood Region	79	70	74	*	*
Other Hardwoods	188	177	184	72	983
TOTAL HARDWOODS	527	494	514	283	1,741
% Change - August 1980	-14.3	- 8.9	- 4.3	+ 7.6	+ 1.9
% Change - Sept. 1979	-15.4	-18.1	-11.2	-29.8	+74.6
TOTAL LUMBER	2,818	2,708	2,771	2,087	5,776
% Change - August 1980	- 0.4	- 1.7	+ 5.5	+ 3.1	+ 1.9
% Change - Sept. 1979	-10.5	-12.9	- 6.4	-17.0	+16.8
* Included in Other Hardwoods					
FLOORING:	(Thousand Board Feet)				
Oak Flooring Region	---	6,443	---	2,891	9,758
Maple Flooring Region	1,602	1,491	1,270	6,548	2,514
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD:	(Thousand Square Feet 3/8" Basis)				
Total All Regions	1,569,146	1,411,685	1,456,386	566,732	319,628
% Change - August 1980	+ 6.1	+ 2.9	+20.6	+ 8.6	+20.6
% Change - Sept. 1979	- 1.8	-12.4	0.0	-45.8	+ 9.5

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

PRODUCTION

	Sep.'80	Percent Change From Aug.'80	Percent Change From Sep.'79
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	6,914	- 5.1	- 9.
Douglas Fir Reg.	7,784	+ 7.9	- 2.7
Western Pine Reg.	8,018	+ 1.5	-13.9
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,851	+ 9.9	- 9.6
Other Softwoods	1,549	+ 0.9	- 9.3
Total Softwoods	26,116	+ 1.9	- 9.1
Total Hardwoods	6,023	-15.1	-15.4
TOTAL LUMBER	32,139	- 1.8	-10.4

SHIPMENTS

	Sep.'80	Percent Change From Aug.'80	Percent Change From Sep.'79
	(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine Reg.	6,532	- 6.5	-13.6
Douglas Fir Reg.	7,575	+ 4.1	- 4.3
Western Pine Reg.	7,993	- 0.8	-16.0
Calif. Redwood Reg.	1,815	+16.1	-11.1
Other Softwoods	1,521	- 0.3	-11.4
Total Softwoods	25,436	+ 0.1	-11.5
Total Hardwoods	5,783	- 8.3	-18.1
TOTAL LUMBER	31,219	- 1.6	-12.8

YEAR-TO-DATE DOMESTIC LUMBER PRODUCTION AND TRADE STATISTICS

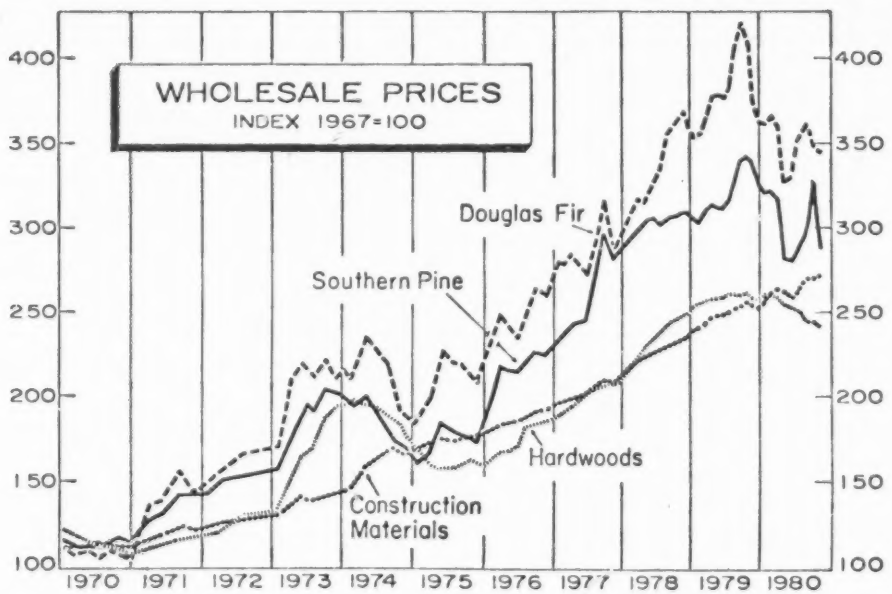
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)		
Total Lumber - 9 mos. 1980	24,073	23,639	23,516
Total Lumber - 9 mos. 1979	28,096	27,947	27,881
% Change	-14.3	-15.4	-15.7
Softwood Lumber - 9 mos. 1980	18,552	18,688	18,661
Softwood Lumber - 9 mos. 1979	22,638	22,690	22,789
% Change	-18.0	-17.6	-18.1
Hardwood Lumber - 9 mos. 1980	5,521	4,951	4,855
Hardwood Lumber - 9 mos. 1979	5,458	5,257	5,092
% Change	+ 1.2	- 5.8	- 4.7

FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

	Sept.1980	Percent Change From Aug. 1980	Percent Change From Sept.1979	9mos.'80	Percent Change From 9mos.'79
	(Million Board Feet)				
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER IMPORTS	863.1	+ 7.4	-13.6	7,305.5	-18.1
Softwoods	838.1	+ 6.9	-12.8	7,054.2	-18.0
From Canada	836.8	+ 6.9	-12.3	7,033.0	-17.8
Other Sources	1.3	0.0	-82.4	21.2	-46.5
Hardwoods	22.9	+24.0	-35.7	226.4	-23.9
From Canada	5.9	+33.9	-21.6	54.4	-19.3
Other Sources	17.0	+21.4	-39.3	172.0	-25.3
Other (not specified)	2.2	+37.5	-10.8	24.9	+15.0
TOTAL U.S. LUMBER EXPORTS	189.4	-11.6	-11.6	1,930.2	+20.5
Softwoods	141.2	-16.3	-18.3	1,543.7	+17.9
Hardwoods	32.8	+ 8.7	+11.8	290.6	+26.5
Other (not specified)	15.4	+ 0.3	+29.4	95.9	+52.5
TOTAL EXPORTS TO CANADA	51.8	+20.0	- 4.9	486.8	- 0.2

CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING STATISTICS

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Sept.1980	Aug.1980	Sept.1979	9 mos.'80	9 mos.'79
Value of all NEW CONSTRUCTION		(Millions of Dollars)			
Put in Place	20,978	+ 2.4	- 5.3	167,839	+ 0.8
Private	15,401	+ 1.9	- 9.0	127,252	- 2.9
Residential	7,977	+ 4.1	-15.5	63,771	-13.0
Nonresidential & Other	7,424	- 0.3	- 0.9	63,481	+ 9.8
Public	5,568	+ 3.5	+ 6.6	40,577	+14.3
	Oct. 1980	Sept.1980	Oct. 1979	10mos.'80	10mos.'79
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED		(Thousands of Units)			
Total Private & Public Starts	154.2	+10.8	- 8.8	1,089.9	-29.1
New Private Starts	153.9	+11.4	- 8.9	1,084.5	-29.3
Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates	1569	+ 1.6	- 8.2		
One-Family Housing Starts	95.8	+ 0.9	-11.2	722.5	-32.1
(Proportion of Total Starts)	62.1			66.3	
	Sept.1980	Aug.1980	Sept.1979	9 mos.'80	9 mos.'79
BUILDING PERMITS AUTHORIZED		(Millions of Dollars)			
All Private Construction	10,417	+14.2	+13.5	71,795	-10.5
New Housing Units	5,511	+19.0	+12.8	33,035	-23.6
New Nonresidential	3,037	+11.9	- 3.8	24,227	-12.5
Additions and alterations	1,739	+ 6.4	+81.5	13,591	+63.3
		(Number of Units)			
Shipments of MOBILE HOMES	21,500	+ 7.5	- 8.9	163,600	-24.0



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

U. S. LUMBER CONSUMPTION	CURRENT			YEAR - TO - DATE	
	Latest Period Available	% Change From		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	QIII 1980	QII 1980	QIII 1979	9 mos. 1980	9 mos. 1979
	(Million Board Feet)				
Total	9,925	+10.3	-18.1	29,006	-17.8
Softwoods	8,473	+14.5	-18.2	24,191	-19.3
Hardwoods	1,452	- 9.3	-18.1	4,815	- 8.8

Total EMPLOYMENT - (Seasonally Adjusted)		% Change From	
	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979
	(Thousands of Employees)		
All Industries	90,622	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
All Manufacturing Industries	20,139	+ 0.5	- 4.3
Lumber and Wood Products	680	+ 0.9	-11.5
Furniture and Fixtures	465	+ 0.2	- 6.6

WHOLESALE PRICES		% Change From	
	Oct. 1980	Sept. 1980	Oct. 1979
	(Index - 1967 = 100)		
All Commodities	277.0	+ 1.1	+12.8
All Construction Materials	269.4	+ 0.2	+ 4.2
Lumber and Wood Products	288.7	- 1.1	- 6.5
All Lumber	319.2	- 2.3	-13.8
Softwood Lumber	338.4	- 2.6	-15.4
Douglas Fir Lumber	347.1	- 0.6	-15.4
Southern Pine Lumber	282.4	-13.3	-18.0
Other Softwood Lumber	430.4	+17.0	+ 3.2
Hardwood Lumber	245.9	- 0.8	- 6.3
Millwork	265.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
Softwood Plywood	325.1	- 1.2	- 0.4
Hardwood Plywood	178.0	+ 1.0	+ 2.4
Wood Household Furniture	225.8	+ 0.4	+12.5
Pulp, Paper and Allied Products	254.4	+ 0.7	+11.8
Steel Mill Products	307.5	+ 2.2	+ 6.7
Aluminum Shapes	273.4	+ 2.7	+ 8.7
Concrete Products	276.9	- 0.2	+11.0
Structural Clay Products	233.4	+ 1.4	+ 5.6

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